



HRAC meets the  
second Wednesday of  
each month at 7:00 pm

At the Vietnam  
Veterans of America

8000 Derry St,  
Harrisburg, PA

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# Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club Newsletter

**NEXT MEETING JANUARY 13, 2021**

**VVA**

**8000 DERRY ST**

**HARRISBURG, PA**

**7:00 PM**



## Volunteer Examiner Report

Next session February 20, 2021 @ VVA 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg. PA Testing starts at 9:00 AM. Anyone interested must preregister. <http://www.w3uu.org/license-exams/>



Exam dates for 2021 All exams at VVA. 8000 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA

February 20, 2021

April 17, 2021

June 19, 2021

August 21, 2021

October 16, 2021

December 18, 2021 Get studying!

## Upcoming Programs for 2020

### January 13, 2020 - Club Meeting at VVA 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg

Please consider stepping up to make a presentation during one of the meetings that has an availability to do so. I know that everyone has an expertise in something, and can bring something to the table. Do more than consider, DO it.

## VE TEAM 2020 YEAR END REPORT

VE Honor Roll	Sessions Attended
KA3PDQ	102
KE3YC	97
W4NKC(KB3OZA)	60
K3DRE	58
N3FWE	48
KB3MCK	47
N3HLK	46
K3URT	33
KV3Q	27
N3QLB	25
N3UGW	22
KB3PQT	20
K3WKK	16
AC3EA	5
W3JPH	1

2020 Test Session 6 Sessions

We tested 52 Applicants and Administered 59 Elements  
This is an increase over 2019.

Tech 35  
General 20  
Extra 4

## December 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The December 9, 2020 meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc. was called to order at 1900 HRS by the President, Terry (WB3BKN)

The December meeting of the HRAC was held at the Vietnam Veterans Association Building, 8000 Derry St, Harrisburg, PA. Due to the continuing COVID – 19 pandemic those in attendance took the recommended precautions.

**Secretary Report** – The minutes of the November 11, 2020 meeting were published in the newsletter. Robert (K3RTS) made a motion to accept the minutes as published Dave (KC3MG) seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

**Treasurers Report** – Dave (KC3MG) gave the treasurers report. For the months of October and November 2020 Robert (K3RTS) made a motion to accept October 2020 report, Charlie (W3CWT) seconded the Motion passed. Chuck (N3WL) made a motion to accept the November's Treasurer's report Charlie (W3CWT) seconded, the motion passed.

**License Trustee** – Steven (KA3PDQ) reported that there were no changes.

**Equipment Trustee** – All equipment was accounted for and insured.

**Repeater Committee** – Terry (WB3BKN) reported that the antenna was now installed and encouraged the group to use the repeater for it's new signal. He reported that the new antenna was mounted 10' higher than the previous one.

**Laurel VE Committee** – Steven (KA3PDQ) reported that the next exam session scheduled is schedule for December 19, 2020 at 8000 Derry St.

**Membership Committee** – Tim (W4NKC) reported that we have 83 members with 51 also belonging to the ARRL.

**Newsletter Editor** – It was reported that the Club is once again in search of a newsletter editor. If interested contact the President. Till then articles can still be submitted via the gmail account. Articles should be in plain English with NO abbreviations. Please send articles to [HRAC.Newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:HRAC.Newsletter@gmail.com). With a deadline of **7 days Before the end of the month.**

**Web Page** – Terry (WB3BKN) reported that Michael (KD3MAD) has taken over as Webmaster. Gary (NV3Q) was Thanked for all his work on the Web site in the past years.

**Emergency Communications** – Bob (K3RTS) reported on changes in the Dauphin County ARES/RACES group. The Red Cross was had a drill using simplex on December 5, 2020. Over 90 stations participated. Classes are available on Zoom the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @7:00 PM. There is also an Information Net on Monday evenings at 1900 hours local.

**DXCC** - Chuck (N3WL) reported that Glenn was going to send out QSL cards to the bureau early 2021 and Members wishing to use this free service should get thier cards and QST mailing label to him.

**Ham Feast** – No Report

**Hamfest Committee** – Terry (WB3BKN) reported that the flyers for the January 9, 2021 Winter hamfest were out and stressed the need for the membership to support the endeavor. Tim (W4NKC) presented certificates to those members who had helped at the Oktoberfest. Tim also expressed the need to send a check to the VVA for use of the facilities. Joe (W3JPH) made a motion to give \$100.00 to the VVA, Dave (KC3MG) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Nominating Committee** – Steven (KA3PDQ) reported that the committee consisting of KA3PDQ, KC3MG and K3RTS has met and have arrived at this slate of Officers for 2021.

President – Zach – W3ZTB

Vice President -Robert – K3RTS

Secretary- Steven – KA3PDQ

Treasurer- Dave-KC3MG

Equipment Trustee – Terry-WB3BKN

License Trustee – Steven-KA3PDQ

**Elections** – Being no other Nominees the nominations were closed. The candidates were elected by acclamation.

**Old Business** – Terry (WB3BKN) reported that work on the trailer continues with the insulation being 95% complete.

**New Business** – Zach – W3ZTB addressed the members about the future of the club and the continuing challenge of attracting and retaining members.

**Good of the Club** – December's Meeting will include Christmas Cookie Night.

**Adjournment** – With no further business Dave (KC3MG) made a motion to adjourn at 1950 hours.  
Bob (K3RTS) seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted

*Steven Gobat, KA3PDQ*





**ARRL DX QSL Bureau mailing for HRAC members**

I plan to make the annual mailing to the “ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau” right after the New Year for HRAC members who are also ARRL members, that have DX QSL cards to go out. (DX is defined as other than the lower 48 states – the QSL Bureaus don’t handle stateside cards) Not sure how to correctly fill out QSL cards, let me know and I’ll be happy to send you my PP presentation on the subject. If you don’t understand the Incoming or Outgoing QSL Bureau system, my PP can help you. Please place the cards in prefix order according to the DXCC Country List (found on the ARRL web site in the DXCC section) and get them to me **with a current QSL mailing label or copy of same**, to prove ARRL membership. You may give them to me at the December HRAC meeting. You may also give them to Chuck, N3WL, as I can arrange to see him. As a last resort, you may mail them to me. My address on QRZ.COM is OK. This service is provided **free** to all HRAC members, who are also ARRL members.

You may send one card or a thousand! Questions -- feel free to contact me at 717-774-1728 or [k3swz@arrl.net](mailto:k3swz@arrl.net)

73

de Glenn, K3SWZ

**PERIODIC TABLE OF MAJOR AMATEUR RADIO CONTESTS**



**2021**

Multimode CW Digital  
off-the-air SSB VHF/UHF

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2 ARRL RTTY Roundup	3 NA Sprint CW	7 ARRL DX SSB	7 SP Polish DX	3 TOP/IN/DE New England QSO Parties	4 SEANET Contest	1 Marconi Memorial HF	2 NAQP CW	5 CWOps CW Open	6 California QSO Party	3 ARRL SS CW	8 ARRL 160
9 NAQP CW	10 WPX RTTY	13 NA Sprint RTTY	14 JIDX CW	10 CQ-M DX	11 ARRL June VHF	8 IARU HF	9 WAE CW	12 WAE SSB	14 Oceania CW	13 WAE RTTY	11 ARRL 10
16 NAQP SSB	17 ARRL DX CW	20 Russian DX	21 CQMM DX	17 King of Spain	15 All Asian CW	16 CQ VHF	18 NAQP SSB	19 WA/NJ/NH QSO Parties	18 Worked All Germany	20 ARRL SS SSB	18 RAC Winter
16 ARRL January VHF	18 CQ 160 SSB	26 WPX SSB	27 Florida QSO Party	20 Contest University Dayton Hamvention	23 ARRL Field Day	24 RSGB IOTA	25 WW Digi	28 CQWW RTTY	23 CQWW SSB	27 CQWW CW	24 HAPPY HOLIDAYS
29 CQ 160 CW	31			29 WPX CW	30				30 CQWW SSB	31	

## Weekly HRAC Net

The weekly information net is held every Wednesday at 7:00 PM on the 146.760 repeater, except for the second Wednesday of the month, which is club meeting night.

Please send any articles for the newsletter to  
hrac.newsletter@Gmail.com

### Local area nets:

Capitol Area Traffic Net starts **Monday at 8 PM** on the South Mountain Radio Amateurs (SMRA) repeater on 146.46 (67.0 tone), 1 MHz offset.

The Combined Club ARES/RACES Net meets **Monday at 8:30 PM** on the Keystone 146.97 Repeater (Tone: 123 Hz).

South Mountain Radio Amateurs (SMRA) Net on **Monday at 9 PM** on the 145.43 (Tone: 67 Hz) repeater located in Mt. Holly Springs.

The Keystone VHF Club Digital Net on **Tuesday at 8 PM** on the York 146.97 Repeater.

The Keystone VJF Club ELMER Net on **Tuesday at 9 PM** on the York 146.97 Repeater right after the Digital net

A local FM Simplex Net runs **Thursday at 8:30 PM** on 146.55 MHz.

South Central PA 10 Meter Net **Friday at 8 PM** 28.495 MHz USB

Ham Shack Talk Net - Monday at 9 PM: 28.335 MHz. Delaware

Lehigh Valley ARC Net - Sunday 4:00 PM: 28.430 MHz Do Drop In net - Sunday 8:30 PM: 28.450 MHz Penn- Mar Club net - Friday. 8:30 PM: 28.495 MHz.

10 Meter Ragchew Net - Every evening starting 7:30PM: 28.600 MHz

6 Meter Magicians Net from Pottstown Wednesdays at 8:30 PM on 50.130 USB. At 9 PM, they switch to 50.400 and run A.M. modulation and call themselves the Mini Boat Anchor Net. The KVHFC 6 Meter Activity Net run by Steve Cruse, K3WHC meets on 50.140 MHz USB on Wednesday evenings starting at 8:30 PM.

Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club Information net at 7 pm on 146.76 (100 Hz tone) every Wednesday except club meeting night, which is listed at the top of the first page of this newsletter.



## From the Editor's Desk

Without your contributions to this newsletter, there is nothing to report, and the paper suffers. Keep those cards and letters coming in. Take pictures of things that you do and share them with us. Do not send articles to my personal email address. Send them to the address below.

**Please note the new email address for articles:**

**Hrac.newsletter@gmail.com**

Tnx 73

Editor: None **POSITION AVAILABLE**

# HRAC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MAIL TO:  
Tim Lehman (W4NKC)  
PO Box 453  
Hummelstown, PA 17036  
717-982-8550

Make checks payable to HRAC—Membership is \$15.00 (\$7.50 if over 65) per year.  
Family Membership is \$25 (Hams must reside in the same household)  
Dues end December 31st.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ -CALL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ARRL Member: Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ \* YEAR FIRST LICENSED \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to abide by the guidelines of the membership and The Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc.

Join the Gang

